## SCOLIOSIS SCREENING

#### 1. Summary of Chapter 1347/80

Education Code § 49452.5, as added by Chapter 1347, Statutes of 1980, requires all school districts in California to examine all seventh grade girls and eighth grade boys for the physical condition known as scoliosis, unless the parent or guardian refuses to consent to such a screening. If the student is suspected of having scoliosis, the parent or guardian must be notified. The student and parent or guardian are referred to appropriate community resources for information on available treatment.

On July 2, 1980, the Commission on State Mandates determined that Chapter 1347, Statutes of 1980, resulted in state mandated costs which are reimbursable pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Government Code § 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2.

## 2. Eligible Claimants

Any school district (K-12) or county office of education that incurs increased costs as a direct result of this mandate is eligible to claim reimbursement of these costs.

#### A. Reimbursement Claims

A reimbursement claim is defined in GC Section 17522 as any claim filed with SCO by a school district for reimbursement of costs incurred for which an appropriation is made for the purpose of paying the claim.

An actual claim may be filed by February 15 following the fiscal year in which costs were incurred. If the filing date falls on a weekend or holiday, the filing deadline will be the next business day. Since the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend in 2009, claims for fiscal year 2007-08 will be accepted without penalty if postmarked or delivered on or before February 17, 2009. Claims filed after the deadline will be reduced by a late penalty of 10%, not to exceed \$10,000. However, initial reimbursement claims will be reduced by a late penalty of 10% with no limitation. Claims filed more than one year after the deadline will not be accepted.

Documentation to support actual costs must be kept on hand by the claimant and made available to SCO upon request as explained in Section 16 of the instructions.

#### B. Estimated Claims

Pursuant to AB 8, Chapter 6, Statutes of 2008, the option to file estimated claims has been eliminated. Therefore, estimated claims filed on or after February 16, 2008, will not be accepted by SCO.

#### **Minimum Claim Cost**

GC Section 17564(a) provides that no claim may be filed pursuant to Sections 17551 and 17561, unless such a claim exceeds one thousand dollars (\$1,000), provided that a county superintendent of schools may submit a combined claim on behalf of school districts within their county if the combined claim exceeds \$1,000, even if the individual school district's claim does not each exceed \$1,000. The county superintendent of schools will determine if the submission of the combined claim is economically feasible and be responsible for disbursing the funds to each school district. These combined claims may be filed only when the county superintendent of schools is the fiscal agent for the districts. A combined claim must show the individual claim costs for each eligible school district. All subsequent claims based upon the same mandate will only be filed in the combined form unless a school district provides a written notice of its intent to file a separate claim to the county superintendent of schools and to SCO at least 180 days prior to the deadline for filing the claim.

#### **Reimbursement of Claims**

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. Actual costs are those costs actually incurred to implement the mandated activities. Actual costs must

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be traceable and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities.

A source document is a document created at or near the same time the actual cost was incurred for the event or activity in question. Source documents may include, but are not limited to, records or time logs, sign-in sheets, invoices, and receipts.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost allocation reports (system generated), purchase orders, contracts, agendas, training packets, and declarations.

Declarations must include a certification or declaration stating, "I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct," and must further comply with the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure Section 2015.5.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include data relevant to the reimbursable activities otherwise in compliance with local, state, and federal government requirements. However, corroborating documents cannot be substituted for source documents.

#### **Audit of Costs**

All claims submitted to SCO are reviewed to determine if costs are related to the mandate, are reasonable and not excessive, and if the claim was prepared in accordance with SCO's claiming instructions and the P's & G's adopted by CSM. If any adjustments are made to a claim, a "Notice of Claim Adjustment" specifying the activity adjusted, the amount adjusted, and the reason for the adjustment, will be mailed within 30 days after payment of the claim.

Pursuant to GC Section 17558.5, subdivision (a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a claimant is subject to audit by SCO no later than three years after the date the actual reimbursement claim was filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds were appropriated or no payment was made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim was filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit shall commence to run from the date of initial payment of the claim.

All documents used to support the reimbursable activities must be retained during the period subject to audit. If an audit has been initiated by the Controller during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the ultimate resolution of any audit findings.

On-site audits will be conducted by SCO as deemed necessary. Accordingly, all documentation to support actual costs claimed must be retained for a period of three years after the end of the calendar year in which the reimbursement claim was filed or last amended regardless of the year of costs incurred. When no funds were appropriated for initial claims at the time the claim was filed, supporting documents must be retained for three years from the date of initial payment of the claim. Therefore, all documentation to support actual costs claimed must be retained for the same period, and shall be made available to the SCO on request.

#### **Retention of Claiming Instructions**

The claiming instructions and forms in this package should be retained permanently in your Mandated Cost Manual for future reference and use in filing claims. These forms should be duplicated to meet your filing requirements. You will be notified of updated forms or changes to claiming instructions as necessary.

#### 3. Reimbursable Methods

A school district or county office of education may choose one of two reimbursement methods: The unit cost rate method established by the CSM, or the reimbursement of actual costs.

#### A. Unit Cost Method

In lieu of actual costs, an all inclusive cost rate may be used to claim the cost of each student screened. This unit rate covers all costs, direct and indirect, incurred in compliance with Chapter

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1347, Statutes of 1980, for activities included but not limited to, parent notification, screening, rescreening, referral and follow up, record keeping and administration of the program. This unit cost will be adjusted annually using the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD), as provided by Government Code § 17523. Refer to Form 1 showing the current unit cost rate that should be used for the fiscal year of costs.

#### **B.** Actual Cost Method

Actual costs of administering the scoliosis screening of students in compliance with Chapter 1347, Statutes of 1980, may be claimed. The following are reimbursable components related to the screening of students:

#### (1) Parental Notification

Parents or guardian of students are notified of the school's intent to screen students for the condition known as scoliosis.

#### (2) Examination of Students

Examination of female students in grade seven and male students in grade eight for the condition known as scoliosis. Activities include the examination of the student and recording the screening results onto data forms.

#### (3) Re-screening and Referrals

(a) Re-screening: Students suspected of having scoliosis at the original screening are rescreened at a separate session by someone other than the original screener.

Activities include the examination of the student and recording the screening results onto data forms.

- (b) Referrals: Notifying parents or guardian of students who are suspected of having scoliosis, for an immediate counseling and referral of students to medical care.
- (c) Referral Follow Up: Follow up on student referrals to verify that medical care was sought.

#### (4) Administration of the Program

- (a) Planning and Implementation: planning, implementation and administering the scoliosis program.
- (b) Training: Provide training to scoliosis screeners.
- (c) Recordkeeping: Recording of screening results in students' health records.

## **Reimbursement Limitations**

Showing of scoliosis films to students is considered part of their educational experience. Therefore, related costs are not reimbursable.

Any offsetting savings or reimbursement the claimant received from any source including, but not limited to, service fees collected and other state funds as a direct result of this mandate shall be identified and deducted so only net local costs are claimed.

#### 1. Claiming Forms and Instructions

A claimant may submit a computer generated report in substitution for Forms 1 and 2 provided the format of the report and data fields contained within the report are identical to the claim forms included in these instructions. The claim forms provided with these instructions should be duplicated and used by the claimant to file reimbursement claims. SCO will revise the manual and claim forms as necessary.

#### A. Form 2, Activity Cost Detail

This form is used to segregate the detailed costs by claim component. A separate Form 2 must be completed for each cost component being claimed. Costs reported on this form must be supported as follows:

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#### 1) Salaries and Benefits

Identify the employee(s) and/or show the classification of the employee(s) involved. Describe the mandated functions performed and specify the actual time devoted to each function by each employee, productive hourly rate, and related fringe benefits.

In lieu of actual hours the average number of hours devoted to each reimbursable activity can be claimed if supported by a documented time study. At present no instructions are available for performing a time study. Therefore, it is suggested that claims be based on actual costs.

Reimbursement of personnel services includes compensation paid for salaries, wages, and employee fringe benefits. Employee fringe benefits include regular compensation paid to an employee during periods of authorized absences (e.g., annual leave, sick leave) and the employer's contribution of social security, pension plans, insurance, and worker's compensation insurance. Fringe benefits are eligible for reimbursement when distributed equitably to all job activities, which the employee performs.

Source documents may include, but are not limited to, time logs evidencing actual costs claimed under Reimbursable Activities, time sheets, payroll records, canceled payroll warrants, organization charts, duty statements, pay rate schedules, and other documents evidencing the expenditure. If a documented time study is the basis for claimed time spent attach the time records with the claim. The State Controller's Office will review the documented time study for precision and reliability.

#### 2) Supplies

Only expenditures that can be identified as a direct cost of this mandate may be claimed. List the cost of supplies consumed specifically for the purposes of this mandate. Purchases shall be claimed at the actual price after deducting cash discounts, rebates, and allowances received by the claimant. Supplies that are withdrawn from inventory shall be charged based on a recognized method of costing consistently applied.

Source documents may include, but are not limited to, general and subsidiary ledgers, invoices, purchase orders, receipts, canceled warrants, inventory records, and other documents evidencing the expenditure.

## 3) Contract Services

Provide the name(s) of contractor(s) who performed the service(s), including any fixed contracts for services. Describe the reimbursable activity performed by each named contractor, and give the number of actual hours spent on the activities, if applicable. Show the actual dates when services were performed and itemize all costs for those services. Attach consultant invoices with the claim.

Source documents may include, but are not limited to, general and subsidiary ledgers, contracts, invoices, canceled warrants, and other documents evidencing the expenditure.

#### Form 1, Claim Summary

This form is used to summarize direct costs by claim component and compute allowable indirect costs for the mandate. Claim statistics shall identify the work performed for costs claimed. The claimant must give the total number of students tested in the fiscal year of claim.

School districts and local boards of education may compute the amount of indirect costs utilizing the State Department of Education's Annual Program Cost Data Report J-380 or J-580 rate, as applicable. The cost data on this form is carried forward to form FAM-27.

#### B. Form FAM-27, Claim for Payment

Form FAM-27 contains a certification that must be signed by an authorized officer of the district. All applicable information that from Form 1 must be carried forward to this form for SCO to process the claim for payment.

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Questions, or requests for hard copies of these instructions, should be faxed to Angie Lowi-Teng at (916) 323-6527 or e-mailed to LRSDAR@sco.ca.gov. Or, if you wish, you may call the Local Reimbursements Section at (916) 324-5729.

For your reference, these and future mandated costs claiming instructions and forms can be found on the Internet at www.sco.ca.gov/ard/local/locreim/index.shtml.

#### **Address for Filing Claims**

Claims should be rounded to the nearest dollar. Submit a signed original and a copy of form FAM-27, Claim for Payment, and all other forms and supporting documents. To expedite the payment process, please sign the form in blue ink, and attach a copy of the form FAM-27 to the top of the claim package.

Use the following mailing addresses:

If delivered by U.S. Postal Service:

Office of the State Controller Attn: Local Reimbursements Section Division of Accounting and Reporting P.O. Box 942850 Sacramento, CA 94250 If delivered by other delivery services:

Office of the State Controller Attn: Local Reimbursements Section Division of Accounting and Reporting 3301 C Street, Suite 500 Sacramento, CA 95816

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State Controller's Office School Mandated Cost Manual For State Controller Use Only **PROGRAM CLAIM FOR PAYMENT Pursuant to Government Code Section 17561** (19) Program Number 000058 (20) Date Filed **SCOLIOSIS SCREENING** (21) LRS Input (01) Claimant Identification Number Reimbursement Claim Data (02) Claimant Name (22) FORM-1, (03)(a) Address (23) FORM-1, (03)(b) (24) FORM-1, (03)(c) (25) FORM-1, (04) (26) FORM-1, (05)(1)(d) Type of Claim **Estimated Claim Reimbursement Claim** (27) FORM-1, (05)(2)(d) (03) Estimated (09) Reimbursement (28) FORM-1, (05)(3)(d) (04) Combined (10) Combined (29) FORM-1, (05)(4)(d) (05) Amended (11) Amended Fiscal Year of (06)(12)(30) FORM-1, (07) Cost **Total Claimed** (07)(13)(31) FORM-1, (08) **Amount** Less: 10% Late Penalty (refer to claiming (14)(32) FORM-1, (10) instructions) (33) FORM-1, (11) (15)Less: Prior Claim Payment Received (16)**Net Claimed Amount** (17)(35)**Due from State** (18)(36)**Due to State** (37) CERTIFICATION OF CLAIM In accordance with the provisions of Government Code § 17561, I certify that I am the officer authorized by the school district to file mandated cost claims with the State of California for this program, and certify under penalty of perjury that I have not violated any of the provisions of Government Code Sections 1090 to 1098, inclusive. I further certify that there was no application other than from the claimant, nor any grant or payment received, for reimbursement of costs claimed herein; and such costs are for a new program or increased level of services of an existing program. All offsetting savings and reimbursements set forth in the Parameters and Guidelines are identified, and all costs claimed are supported by source documentation currently maintained by the claimant. The amounts for Reimbursement Claim are hereby claimed from the State for payment of actual costs set forth on the attached statements. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Signature of Authorized Officer Date Type or Print Name (38) Name of Contact Person for Claim Telephone Number

E-mail Address

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## SCOLIOSIS SCREENING CERTIFICATION CLAIM FORM INSTRUCTIONS

FORM FAM-27

- (01) Enter the payee number assigned by the State Controller's Office.
- (02) Enter your Official Name, County of Location, Street or P. O. Box address, City, State, and Zip Code.
- (03) Leave blank.
- (04) Leave blank.
- (05) Leave blank.
- (06) Leave blank.
- (07) Leave blank.
- (08) Leave blank.
- (09) If filing a reimbursement claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (09) Reimbursement.
- (10) If filing a combined reimbursement claim on behalf of districts within the county, enter an "X" in the box on line (10) Combined.
- (11) If filing an amended reimbursement claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (11) Amended.
- (12) Enter the fiscal year for which actual costs are being claimed. If actual costs for more than one fiscal year are being claimed, complete a separate form FAM-27 for each fiscal year.
- (13) Enter the amount of the reimbursement claim from Form-1, line (12). The total claimed amount must exceed \$1,000.
- (14) Reimbursement claims must be filed by **February 15** of the following fiscal year in which costs were incurred or the claims will be reduced by a late penalty. Enter zero if the claim was timely filed, otherwise, enter the product of multiplying line (13) by the factor 0.10 (10 % penalty), not to exceed \$10,000.
- (15) If filing a reimbursement claim or a claim was previously filed for the same fiscal year, enter the amount received for the claim. Otherwise, enter a zero.
- (16) Enter the result of subtracting line (14) and line (15) from line (13).
- (17) If line (16), Net Claimed Amount, is positive, enter that amount on line (17), Due from State.
- (18) If line (16), Net Claimed Amount, is negative, enter that amount on line (18), Due to State.
- (19) to (21) Leave blank.
- (22) to (36) Reimbursement Claim Data. Bring forward the cost information as specified on the left-hand column of lines (22) through (36) for the reimbursement claim, e.g., Form-1, (05)(1)(d), means the information is located on Form-1, block (05)(1), column (d). Enter the information on the same line but in the right-hand column. Cost information should be rounded to the nearest dollar, i.e., no cents. Indirect costs percentage should be shown as a whole number and without the percent symbol, i.e., 7.548% should be shown as 8. Completion of this data block will expedite the payment process.
- (37) Read the statement "Certification of Claim." If it is true, the claim must be dated, signed by the district's authorized officer, and must include the person's name and title, typed or printed. Claims cannot be paid unless accompanied by an original signed certification. (To expedite the payment process, please sign the form FAM-27 with blue ink, and attach a copy of the form FAM-27 to the top of the claim package.)
- (38) Enter the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person to contact if additional information is required.

SUBMIT A SIGNED ORIGINAL, AND A COPY OF FORM FAM-27, WITH ALL OTHER FORMS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

Address, if delivered by U.S. Postal Service:

OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER ATTN: Local Reimbursements Section Division of Accounting and Reporting P.O. Box 942850 Sacramento, CA 94250 Address, if delivered by other delivery service:

OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER ATTN: Local Reimbursements Section Division of Accounting and Reporting 3301 C Street, Suite 500 Sacramento, CA 95816

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(01) Claiman		(02)			Fiscal Year		
						20/20	
Claim Statis	tics						
(03) (a) Num	nber of students screened						
(b) Number of students re-screened							
(c) Number of students referred to medical care							
Unit Cost Me	ethod						
(04) Total Costs [Line (03)(a) x \$8.20 per student for 2007-08 F.Y.]							
Actual Cost	Method	_					
Direct Costs							
(05) Reimbu	rsable Components	(a) Salaries Benefit		(b) Materials and Supplies	(c) Contract Services	(d) Total	
Parental N	Notification						
2. Examination	Examination of Students						
3. Re-screen							
4. Administra							
(06) Total Di	(06) Total Direct Costs						
Indirect Cos	ts						
(07) Indirect Cost Rate [From J-380 or J-580]							
(08) Total Indirect Costs [Line (06)(a) x line (07)]							
(09) Total Direct and Indirect Costs [Line (06)(d) + line (08)] (Actual) or Total from line (04) (Unit Cost)							
Cost Reduct	ion						
(10) Less: C	Offsetting Savings						
(11) Less: Other Reimbursements							
(12) Total Claimed Amount [Line (09) – {line (10) + line (11)}]							

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## SCOLIOSIS SCREENING CLAIM SUMMARY Instructions

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- (01) Enter the name of the claimant.
- (02) Enter the fiscal year for which costs were incurred or are to be incurred.
- (03) (a) Number of students screened. Enter the number of students, seventh grade females and eighth grade males.
  - (b) Number of students re-screened. Enter the number of students who are questionable after the first screening and are screened again at a later date by someone other than the original screener. Only claimants who select the Actual Cost Method of reimbursement must provide data on the number of students re-screened.
  - (c) Number of students referred to medical care. Enter the number of students who have positive indication of scoliosis and are referred to medical care. Only the claimants who select the Actual Cost Method of reimbursement must provide data on the number of students referred to medical care.
- (04) Total Costs. Do not complete line (04) if you are using the Actual Cost Method. If you are using the Unit Cost Method, multiply line (03)(a) by the rate of the reimbursable unit cost per student for the 2007-08 fiscal year. Do not complete line (05) through (08). Proceed directly to line (09) and complete through line (12).
- (05) Reimbursable Activities. If you are using the **Actual Cost Method**, enter the cost related to each reimbursable activity from Form 2, line (05), columns (d), (e), and (f). Total each row.
- (06) Total Direct Costs. Total block (05), columns (a), (b), (c), and (d).
- (07) Indirect Cost Rate. Enter the indirect cost rate from the Department of Education form J-380 or J-580, as applicable, for the fiscal year of claim.
- (08) Indirect Costs. Enter the result of multiplying Total Direct Costs, line (06)(a), by the Indirect Cost Rate, line (07).
- (09) Total Costs. Enter the sum of line (06)(d) and line (08) for **Actual Method** or the total from line (04) for **Unit Cost Method**.
- (10) Less: Offsetting Savings. If applicable, enter the total savings experienced by the claimant as a direct result of this mandate. Submit a detailed schedule of savings with the claim.
- (11) Less: Other Reimbursements. If applicable, enter the amount of other reimbursements received from any source (i.e., service fees collected, federal funds, other state funds, etc.), which reimbursed any portion of the mandated cost program. Submit a detailed schedule of the reimbursement sources and amounts.
- (12) Total Claimed Amount. If the Unit Cost Method is used, subtract the sum of Offsetting Savings, line (10), and Other Reimbursements, line (11), from Total Costs, line (04). Enter the remainder of this line and carry the amount forward to form FAM-27, line (13) for the Reimbursement Claim.

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# MANDATED COSTS SCOLIOSIS SCREENING ACTIVITY COST DETAIL

**FORM** 

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U	ACTIVITY COST DETAIL							
(01)	Claimar	nt	(02) Fi	scal Year		-		
(03)	Reimbu	rsable Activities: Check only one bo	x per form to ide	entify the acti	vity being cl	aimed.		
	Parenta	l Notification	Re-so	creening and	Referral			
	Examin	ation of Students	Admi	nistration of F	Program			
(04)	Descript	on of Expenses			Object Accounts			
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
	С	Employee Names, Job lassifications, Functions Performed and Description of Expenses	Hourly Rate or Unit Cost	Hours Worked or Quantity	Salaries and Benefits	Materials and Supplies	Contract Services	
(05)	Total 「	Subtotal Page of						

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#### For Actual Cost Method Use Only.

- (01) Claimant. Enter the name of the claimant.
- (02) Fiscal Year. Enter the fiscal year for which costs were incurred.
- (03) Reimbursable Activities. Check the box that indicates the activity being claimed. Check only one box per form. A separate Form 2 must be prepared for each applicable activity.
- Description of Expenses. The following table identifies the type of information required to support reimbursable costs. To detail costs for the activity box "checked" in block (03), enter the employee names, position titles, a brief description of the activities performed, actual time spent by each employee, productive hourly rates, fringe benefits, supplies used, contract services, and travel and training expenses. The descriptions required in column (4)(a) must be of sufficient detail to explain the cost of activities or items being claimed. For audit purposes, all supporting documents must be retained by the claimant for a period of not less than three years after the date the claim was filed or last amended, whichever is later. If no funds were appropriated and no payment was made at the time the claim was filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit will be from the date of initial payment of the claim. Such documents must be made available to SCO on request.

Object/ Sub object	Columns								Submit supporting
Accounts	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	documents with the claim
Salaries and Benefits Salaries	Employee Name/Title	Hourly Rate	Hours Worked	Salaries = Hourly Rate x Hours Worked					
Benefits	Activities Performed	Benefit Rate		Benefits = Benefit Rate x Salaries		1			
Materials and Supplies	Description of Supplies Used	Unit Cost	Quantity Used		Cost = Unit Cost x Quantity Used				
Contract Services	Name of Contractor Specific Tasks Performed	Hourly Rate	Hours Worked Inclusive Dates of Service			Cost=Hourly Rate x Hours Worked or Total Contract Cost			Copy of Contract and Invoices

(05) Total line (04), columns (d) through (h) and enter the sum on this line. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the amount is a total or subtotal. If more than one form is needed to detail the activity costs, number each page. Enter totals from line (05), columns (d) through (h) to form 1, block (04), columns (a) through (e) in the appropriate row.